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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PEPR, JA, CH  
SUBJECT: PFT: GOJ ASKS CHINESE TO REOPEN TALKS, BUT  
POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED

REF: TOKYO 9588

1. DESPITE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR  
SATO TO CHINESE VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG IN PEKING MAY 3L  
THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TO REOPEN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON SINO-  
JAPANESE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY DURING LATTER PART  
OF JUNE, MOFA CHINA DIVDEPDIR TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 1 THAT  
THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN GOJ POSITION ON TREATY'S  
ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE, PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO PFT CONCLUSION.  
MOFA SOURCE SAID JAPANESE EXPECTED CHINESE TO AGREE TO  
RESUMPTION OF TALKS, BUT DOUBTED THAT ANY PROGRESS WOULD  
BE MADE UNTIL PRIME MINISTER GAVE FONMIN SONODA GREEN  
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LIGHT TO GO TO PEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS.  
AT THAT POINT THERE COULD BE MOVEMENT, NOT BECAUSE SONODA  
WAS PERSONALLY ENGAGED, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE FUKUDA DECISION  
TO SEND HIM WOULD SIGNAL GOJ READINESS TO ACCEPT CHINESE  
CONDITIONS ON ANTI-HEGEMONY IN INTEREST OF WINDING UP THIS  
AFFAIR.

2. SONODA HIMSELF HAS BEEN MAINTAINING CHARACTERISTICALLY OPTIMISTIC STANCE RE PFT. UPON HIS RETURN FROM UN SSOD IN NEW YORK, HE TOLD UPPER HOUSE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE JUNE 1 THAT CHINESE FONMIN HUANG HUA HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET HIM IN PEKING IN EARLY JULY PFT TALKS. SONODA ACKNOWLEDGED TO QUESTIONERS THAT HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART HAD MADE NO CONCRETE STATEMENTS CONCERNING TREATY, AND ALSO OFFERED OPINION THAT WORKING-LEVEL TALKS WOULD PROBABLY FAIL TO REMOVE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK, ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE, LEAVING IMPLICATION THAT HE COULD.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING SONODA'S OPTIMISM, PRIME MINISTER'S MOST RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS GIVE NO INDICATION OF IMPENDING GOJ FLEXIBILITY ON PFT. DURING TELEVISION INTERVIEW MAY 29, FUKUDA SAID JAPAN WOULD NEGOTIATE PFT "WITHOUT COMPROMISING ITS POSITION," AND STRESSED THAT JAPAN SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN NEGOTIATING BECAUSE TREATY WOULD CONSTITUTE BASIS OF ENDURING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. FOLLOWING DAY, IN MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF NEW LIBERAL CLUB, FUKUDA EMPHASIZED NEED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE NOT AIMED AT ANY THIRD COUNTRY. HE SAID SONODA'S VISIT TO PEKING WOULD FOLLOW WORKING-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC TALKS, BUT DECLINED TO SPECIFY DATE.

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4. COMMENT: WE TEND TO AGREE WITH MOFA OFFICIAL THAT SONODA TRAVEL TO PEKING, RATHER THAN SIMPLE PROPOSAL TO RESTART TALKS AT WORKING LEVEL, WILL BE REAL SIGNAL OF PRIME MINISTER'S DETERMINATION TO CONCLUDE PFT. WHILE SONODA OBVIOUSLY IS WILLING TO GO, FUKUDA'S RELUCTANCE TO SEND HIM IS ALSO EVIDENT. WE UNDERSTAND MOFA HAS CLEARED SCHEDULE FOR FIRST HALF OF JULY, ELIMINATING TRIP TO ASEAN CAPITALS, SHOULD PRIME MINISTER DECIDE TO BITE BULLET. (WE WILL BE UPDATING TOKYO 9557 REGARDING SONODA'S TRAVEL PLANS.) MANSFIELD

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